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2 Samuel 8

- ¹ And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.
- ² Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beersheba.
- ³ And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.
- ⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,
- ⁵ And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
- ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.
- ⁷ And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.
- ⁸ According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.
- ⁹ Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.
- ¹⁰ And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.
- ¹¹ And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.
- ¹² And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
- ¹³ And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

- ¹⁴ **And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his servants.**
- ¹⁵ **And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.**
- ¹⁶ **And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.**
- ¹⁷ **He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.**
- ¹⁸ **And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.**
- ¹⁹ **Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;**
- ²⁰ **That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.**
- ²¹ **And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.**
- ²² **And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.**

In this portion of God's Word, we have the account of Israel desiring to have a King to rule over them "like all the nations" (vs5). It was not God's idea to have a king. God set Israel to be a theocracy (nation under God). In this form of government, God used different forms of men and offices. There were elders (Exodus chapter 3), leaders of each tribe (Numbers chapters 1 & 7), Judges and Prophets. All of these men or rulers were to follow that which God had spoken. In other words, God ruled and used men to carry out his will.

Let's notice in this chapter the reaction of God to this one man ruler ship.

First, Israel has not rejected thee (Samuel), but they have rejected me (vs 7). You will notice if you read the remainder of your old testament, that this monarchy did not work. There were more wicked Kings than there were righteous Kings. It did not take Israel long to follow the reigning King down a path of destruction.

We dare not follow men. I hope that there are not people reading these words, who say that they know Christ, that attend political rally's and cheer for some reprobate politician who lies and has rejected God long ago. If you think that the men you are given to vote for are the answer, you are the one who is rejecting God.

Second, idolatry was already in the camp (vs 8). The day that Israel asked for a king, was not the first day they rejected God. They had already served other gods. What did you let into your life before you became a good American? An acceptance of a watered down doctrine? A butchered bible? Some sin that the world says is alright? Ignoring God's word is a rejection of Him.

Third, he will take your children (vs 11-13). I believe this is called the draft. Not willing servants, but men and women who are taken against they're will to serve as the king sees fit. How many men and women are laying in a grave over a war that we still do not know the reason of why America fought that war.

Fourth, he will take your land. Need I mention the Indians? Has it clicked in your head that the same wicked army and government that did injustice to the Native Americans is the same army and government that picked a fight with the south in the civil war. They were not a wicked government fighting Indians, became saints when they fought the south, and then went back to wickedness to fight the take the Indians land again. No, it was all the same government whose motives were bad all along.

Fifth, he will take your profits and income (vs 15-18). God says here he will take a tenth. In America, we wish we could get back to only a tenth. A tenth is all God requires. Let me just say, any government that taxes you more than a tenth, is playing God. Have you put this government and its ideas in the place of God?

If you have bought into the mindset of some of the things in this study, you ARE ignoring the bible, and siding with the world.

Can I give you this thought? **GOD IS NOT AN AMERICAN.**

Isaiah 40:17 All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing and vanity.

Every week I run into "so called Christian's" that have as a part of their beliefs and practice's things that the bible does not teach or things that are not in the bible at all. These are what I would call good Americans. Understand, a good American does not mean you are a good Christian. In fact, it means you probably are not a good Christian.

By good Americans, I am referring to people that are politically correct. They have bought into (or shall I say are brainwashed into) ideas that are not biblical and many times are flat out lies. I would like to remind you, if it is a lie, it did NOT come from God. It does not matter how new or old the lies might be, they are from the father of lies, which is Satan (John 8:44). In fact, lying is the one thing that God cannot do (Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18).

Let's take this thought and develop it for a moment. Think of some things in America's past that are shrouded by lies. The civil war, reasons we might have gone to war (any war), the Kennedy assassination, sins of public officials, crimes that are covered up, you can be assured that any lies that were told about any of the situations did NOT come from God. You can also be assured that these lies were not propagated for our good. And, if these lies (again no matter how old or new) have become a part of people's beliefs, and they act on these lies and make decisions based on these lies, this is the work of Satan and he has a plan in this as well.

Now let's see, I wonder what God would like for you to put into your mind, lies or truth. I am being sarcastic, God is concerned with truth. Whether it's in the bible, or it is something coming out of your mouth right now (or out of the mouth of the past). God is concerned with truth. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6).

It is extremely important, what we allow in our mind. It is our mind that the process of worldliness first enters. God tells us to renew our mind (Romans 12:1-2). Most of what I hear from so called Christians today comes from a mind strongly influenced by the world. The first book of John has much to say on this matter. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him (1 John 2:15-17). All of chapter four deals with the dangers of listening to the world. James 4:4 states "friendship of the world is enmity with God". If you are saved and believe the bible, you will not be like the world.

Now lets look at the anti-biblical way American's and so called Christians have allowed the world to spoil their minds (Colossians 2:8)

1. American's Love Lies.

American's willingly vote for lying politicians. Remember this; American's say they are voting for the lesser of two evils. As long as you accept this, that is what you are going to get, two evils. Myself, I will not vote until you give me someone to vote for. You say, you will never vote again. So be it. That is better than voting for a liar. Lies show who the politician is following.

If so called Christian's believe lies, and close your ears when someone proves the lies wrong, you are a good American, not a good Christian. One way to let the devil into your head is allow lies in your mind and then protect them. If you are saved, you want truth. You are concerned about what the bible teaches. You want to pattern your life according to God's Word.

Listen to the Apostle Paul. in Romans chapter 3:7-8

For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

Two things we learn from this, God does not receive glory from lies and good cannot come out of lies. If I have to prove to you that lies come from Satan and that lies are not profitable for a Christian, you are in bad shape. You are a good American but a terrible Christian, if you are a Christian at all. Do not forget, the Antichrist will be a world ruler, a politician. If your thinking has followed the pattern of the world, and is not concerned about what the bible says, you are a prime candidate to follow the man of sin.

Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27-28.

2. Nothing Is Wrong Anymore.

You name it. You can't say that anything is wrong anymore. People are not sinners. Americans look at sin as sicknesses. They have a disease. They need help. It used to be a sin to have sex before marriage and if a woman had a baby out of wedlock, it was a shame. Now they get on TV and display to the public that they are whoremongers. Men and women show their face on TV to say they have slept around so much that they have no idea who the real parent of the child is. This is sin and ungodliness and it is used in the form of entertainment. Americans idolize actors and sports figures who are murderers, dope addicts, drunkards, fornicators, liars, God haters and reprobates. Whoremongers with HIV who have slept so many women they have lost count, are on commercials selling products. Especially on sports networks.

I remind you that the government (the government that you love so much) pays for the murder of the babies that is a result of this kind of sin. Americans have become so tolerant and of any lifestyle that no one is wrong anymore. God says: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). That includes me, you and every man that has ever been born.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

I Corinthians 6:9-10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Do you believe that? Is this what you think? Or have you forgotten that these things are wrong because you are a good American and now, you ignore what God says. The first fundamental truth of salvation is that you are a sinner. The reason Jesus had to die is because we are sinners. Satan's plan is to do away with the knowledge of sin. Then, why would a person need salvation? Everyone is going to heaven anyway. This is a belief of good Americans, not a bible believing Christian.

3. Judge not that ye be not judged.

Ah yeah. The liberal's favorite verse. As soon as you start getting down on someone's pet sin, they love to quote this verse. This is one way so called Christians justify their sin. By turning it around and trying to making you look guilty for judging. Christian Americans (so-called) do this as well. They tolerate all kinds of wrong doing because others do it. They justify their iniquity because they can point at people involved in other kinds of sins which they deem as worse.

Are you that way? Is the standard of your living based on God's word or what is tolerated on America? Do you practice things in your life that the bible says is wrong, but you do it because you do not want to be the lone wolf? You are afraid of being called narrow minded, old fashioned or different. Then you are a good American but a sorry Christian.

I would like to remind you that the bible also says in John 7:24 "Judge righteous judgment." Judge not, means we cannot judge a persons motives or why they do what they do. But if we are only saying what God says about a person or a sin, we are saying and agreeing with God and his word. This is the only way we can judge "righteous judgment".

4. Don't talk down about a group, if there are a few good ones in the crowd.

This is another way Americans shift the blame. As long as there is some good, people should keep their mouth shut. America has turn this thing of equality to such a extreme that many people are not being treated as equal and are not allowed to say anything about it.

I heard last week a reporter comment on a killer that the police were trying to find. Part of her comment went like this;

“Hopefully they will find the man, I mean the person that did this”

She corrected her statement. What do you think would have happened if she would have said “the woman that did this” or “the black man that did this”. She would have been demoted or fired on the spot. As of this writing, she is still reporting. How is that equal? You can say this but do not say that. How is it equal when hard working people pay high taxes so people, completely capable of working, can sponge off the government with food stamps and welfare?

Let's see God's method in calling it like it is. Titus 1:10-13

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, **specially they of the circumcision:**

Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, **The Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.**

This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Notice Paul says there is a problem in the religion of “the circumcision” or the Jews. And also of a people, “the Cretians” or the people of Crete.

God through Paul had no problem with singling out two groups of people and talking about the problems among those groups. This goes against the American way. This is expressly forbidden if you are to be a good American.

Were there any good people in Crete? Well, Titus was left in Crete (1:5) to “set in order” things and “ordain elders”. There must have been a church there for Titus to do this. We also see in the book of Acts that there were Cretians at Pentecost (2:11). The purpose of this was so that the gospel would spread into the different lands and languages. These Cretians could have been some of the first to bring the Gospel to Crete. But for sure there was a work there when Paul wrote the book of Titus.

Now, notice what Paul didn’t say. He didn’t say, whoever said that about the Cretians should know there is a church there of good people. No, he said “This witness is true”. We know what God is saying here. He is saying, for the most part, as a whole, the Cretians are evil people. This is what you must look out for when you are working with these people.

John the Baptist would not qualify for a good American. When he was baptizing and saw the Pharisee’s and Sadducees, he called them “Generation of vipers”. He condemned a whole generation. Well, were there any good Pharisee’s? Nicodemus was a Pharisee (John 3:1). There were many in the Jews religion that were good people, many were waiting for the coming Messiah and were used during the birth of Jesus. Again, this is telling the truth when it involves characteristics of groups of people. Numerous times, the bible makes these kinds of statements concerning Jews, Gentiles, Canaanites and many others.

Notice what Paul says Titus should do about this: “Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith”. He did not say rebuke them sharply so they will get saved. No, they were already saved. It was to make them “sound in the faith”. This is what you do Titus, call it the sin that it is. Do not become watered down and tolerate wrong doing. It will ruin your stability as a church and a Christian. Your doctrine will go down the drain.

In the late 60’s and early 70’s, the emphasis on doctrine began to weaken. You would hear statements like “doctrine divides, love unifies”. This became popular and is still today. Is it any wonder that now, sin is rampant and tolerated in churches? Now, doctrine is not important. Jesus said “I came not to send peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). America says “can’t we all just get along”. The bible says there is no way you can get along with this world. You are different.

The point here is people condemn this kind of reasoning, but God does it many times in his word. Do you call yourself a Christian but think like this? How unlike God you are. But you are a good American.

5. If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all.

This point is somewhat proven above. But let's look at a few other statements in God's word.

Especially the comments by the apostle Paul in Galatians 2:7-14. This is the account of Peter, James and John showing favoritism to the Jews. When the Gentile believers were present they treated them as the Christians they were. But when around the Jews, they shunned the Gentile believers as the Jews had before the church age. This hypocrisy Paul rebukes.

What is interesting about this account is that it is the only time these three apostles are mentioned in Paul's writings, and yet Paul calls it exactly like it is. Were Peter, James and John good men? Sure they were. Were they heretics? No, they were apostles. But they were at fault and Paul calls them on it.

I can hear the comments of so-called Christians if this happened today: "If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all". This was not the practice in the bible. The prophets of the Old Testament and New Testament Christians as well were concerned about the purity of God's word and his message, more than trying to be a liberal that is trying to gain everyone's approval.

Paul was not the only New Testament writer, to make such statements. If you read the epistles of Peter, James and John, you will see a very dim outlook on the world as a whole. This is true because it is the mind of God. If you think the world is becoming a better place, you are very ignorant about God and his word. What you are looking at as good, the bible says that it is a problem. God says in the last days perilous times shall come (2 Tim. 3:1), evil doers and seducers will become worse and worse (2 Tim. 3:13).

This is why the antichrist will be such a success in the tribulation. The world and religion is on the broad path (popular) that leads to destruction. Their way to God is NOT salvation by the bible. People will have very little knowledge of the word that warns them of the things to come. This message is clear.

These are a few areas that the world has influenced the average American's mind. As Christians, we must guard our minds and not allow the world to become involved with our thinking. If you have a steady diet of TV, radio, media in the form of newspaper or magazines or internet, you will be bombarded with anti-biblical ideas and lies. Even among so-called Christian publications.

Conclusion.

I have been very meticulous to use the term so called Christians in this study. This is because the bible gives us the picture that if you care about the world, more than God and his word, chances are you are not his child at all. For a born again person, they will receive instruction from the teaching presented here. If you are lost (a good American) you are finding fault.

I challenge you to make sure you are born again. The devil uses the world to influence people and take them to hell. He is busy. Realizing the few truth's that are in this presentation, you can see Satan has shaped up American philosophy to take people to hell. There are some half-truths. He is a master at that. It is clear to me that the devil has taken parts of the bible about love and treating your neighbor right to a degree that they were never written for. In your mind you may see this as the right way to be. But Americans have taken this little truth and blown it out of proportion. It is distorted so much that now, people are not sinners and they are not responsible for their actions. When this happens, men begin to elevate themselves to the level of God. One of the best ways they do this is they like certain parts of the bible and others parts are ignored. If the things God says about himself are true, and they are, He did not give us a book of his history, truth and ideas for us to ignore it. It is either all truth or all a lie. But, still to this day, no one has disproved anything in the bible. It is truth. All of it.

Psalm 2 gives us a clear picture of the condition of America.

- ¹ **Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?** (is this not a perfect description of the USA?)
- ² **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,**
- ³ **Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**
- ⁴ **He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.**
- ⁵ **Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.**

If you are saved, I challenge you to surrender your life, and all that you have to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Set out to learn His word, obey it and live it. Paul said:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Galatians 6:14

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

1 Corinthians 3:18-20

If you are not born again:

Salvation is in Jesus and in Him alone. John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, BUT BY ME".

You must realize you are a sinner. Your sin separates you from God.

Romans 3:23

"For ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

How to be saved. Romans 10:9

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

If you are not a Born Again Christian, pray, confess your sins to God and ask Jesus, who is alive and seated at the right hand of the Father, to come into your heart and save you.

If you have received Jesus as your Saviour as a result of reading the above plan of salvation, please send me an email and let me know.

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